



PETERBOROUGH RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

and

THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE

SURVEYOR AND PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

FOR THE YEAR

1965.

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE AUTHORITY

Medical Officer of Health

George Nisbet, M.B. Ch.B. (Ed)
D.P.H.
(until 31-3-1965).

John Bryce Stafford, L.R.C.P.
D.P.H.
(from 1-4-1965).

Public Health Inspector

M. R. Gibbs, A.R.S.H.
M.P.H.I.A.
(until 30-6-65).

E. T. Little, F.F.S., M.R.S.H.
M.A.P.H.I.
(from 1-7-1965).

PETERBOROUGH RURAL DISTRICT

I took up my duties as Medical Officer of Health to the Peterborough Rural District on April 1st, 1965, on my appointment as an Assistant Medical Officer of Health to the Huntingdon and Peterborough County Council.

Prior to my appointment, Dr. George Nisbet, the County Medical Officer, had acted as District Medical Officer of Health, since March, 1962. I should like to take this opportunity to express my thanks to Dr. Nisbet for his help and advice.

Population

The estimated population for mid-1965 is, according to the Registrar-General, exactly 9,000, an increase of 240 on last year's estimate of 8,760.

Statistics

The live birth rate of 20.3 per 1,000 population is higher than that of the previous year which was 20.0, and also again higher than the rate for England and Wales, which is provisionally given as 18.1.

The death rate of 8.6 is slightly above the figure for 1964, which was 8.2 per 1,000 of population, but is well below the rate for the country as a whole, which is 11.5. Twenty-three of the 78 deaths which occurred in the district in 1965 were due to malignant disease and leukaemia, five of the deaths being due to carcinoma of the lung or bronchus. Fifteen deaths were due to coronary disease, nine to vascular lesions of the nervous system, and nine to other heart disease. These 56 deaths account for approximately 72% of the total.

It is most satisfactory to report that there were no deaths in infants under one year of age. The infant mortality rate is, therefore, zero (0.0) compared with a rate of 19.0 for England and Wales as a whole.

Conclusion

The health of the District in 1965 was most satisfactory, as it shown by the above statistics.

As a new comer to the area I have greatly valued the help given by my colleagues, the Clerk of the Council, by members of the Committee, by Mr. Dunford and the clerical staff of the County Health Department, to all of whom I express my thanks.

JOHN BRYCE STAFFORD

Medical Officer of Health

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area	28,207 acres
Population (estimated mid-1965)	9,000
Number of inhabited houses from the Rate Book.	2,914
Rateable Value	£216,137
Sum Represented by Penny Rate	£895

EXTRACT FROM VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR

ENGLAND & WALES

		<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Live Births</u>	Leg:	86	87	173
	Illeg:	6	4	10
	<u>Total</u>	<u>92</u>	<u>91</u>	<u>183</u>

<u>Live Birth Rate per 1,000 Population</u>	20.3	18.1
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<u>Illegitimate Births per cent of Total Live Births</u>	5.4
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Stillbirths

	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>Total</u>
Leg:	4	-	4
Illeg:	-	-	-
<u>Total</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4</u>

<u>Stillbirth rate per 1,000 Live and Stillbirths</u>	21.4	15.7
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<u>Total Live and Stillbirths</u>	187
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<u>Infant Deaths</u>	<u>NIL</u>
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<u>Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Live Births</u>	0.0	19.0
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<u>Maternal Deaths</u>	<u>NIL</u>
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<u>Deaths</u>	Males	46
	Females	32
	<u>Total</u>	<u>78</u>

<u>Death Rate per 1,000 population</u>	8.6	11.5
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International Statistical Classification of Diseases

<u>CAUSES OF DEATH - 1965</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
Tuberculosis - Respiratory	-	-
Tuberculosis - other forms	-	-
Syphilitic Disease	-	-
Diphtheria	-	-
Whooping Cough	-	-
Meningococcal Infections	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-
Measles	-	-
Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases	-	-
Malignant Neoplasm, stomach	6	1
Malignant Neoplasm, lung, bronchus	4	1
Malignant Neoplasm, breast	-	2
Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms	5	3
Leukaemia, Alukaemia	1	-
Diabetes	-	-
Vascular Lesions of Nervous System	3	6
Coronary Disease, Angina	11	4
Hypertension with Heart Disease	-	1
Other heart disease	2	7
Other circulatory disease	3	2
Influenza	-	-
Pneumonia	3	1
Bronchitis	-	-
Other Diseases of respiratory system	2	-
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	2	-
Gastritis, Enteritis & Diarrhoea	-	-
Nephritis and Nephrosis	1	1
Hyperplasia of Prostate	-	-
Pregnancy, Childbirth and Abortion	-	-
Congenital malformation	-	-
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	1	1
Motor vehicle accidents	1	2
All other accidents	1	-
Suicide	-	-
Homicide & Operations of War	-	-
Totals	46	32

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ANALYSIS OF CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES AND DEATHS THEREFROM

	Total cases notified	Cases admitted to Hospital	Total Deaths
Scarlet Fever	-	-	-
Pneumonia	1	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-	-
Measles	97	-	-
Dysentery	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	4	-	-
Food Poisoning	-	-	-
Erysipelas	-	-	-
TOTAL	102	-	-

AGE DISTRIBUTION OF THE NOTIFIED INFECTIOUS DISEASES

	Under 1 year	1 year	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 - 9 years	10 - 14 years	15 - 19 years	20 - 24 years	25 - 34 years	35 - 44 years	45 - 54 years	55 - 64 years	Over 65 years	Unknown	TOTAL
Scarlet Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Dysentery	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Measles	-	4	17	14	17	37	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	97
Whooping Cough	-	-	-	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
Erysipelas	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	4	17	16	18	39	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	102

TUBERCULOSIS

	Deaths during 1965				New Cases during 1965			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0 - 1 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 - 5 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 - 15 "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 25 "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 - 35 "	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
35 - 45 "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 - 55 "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55 - 65 "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Over 65 "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

Nursing in the Home

Under the Huntingdon and Peterborough County Council scheme the services of a district nurse are available in all villages in the District.

Home Helps

Domestic home helps are available under the County Council Scheme. Application should be made to:-

The Home Help Organiser,
County Health Department,
Town Hall,
Peterborough.

General Hospitals

Patients are admitted to the Memorial Hospital, Peterborough, administered by the Peterborough No. 12 Area Hospital Management Committee of the East Anglian Regional Hospital Board.

Isolation Hospitals

Infectious cases are admitted to the Peterborough Isolation Hospital under the management of the above Hospital Management Committee.

TREATMENT CENTRES AND CLINICS

(A) Provided by the Huntingdon and Peterborough County Council

Child Welfare Clinics

- (a) Village Hall, Castor - Second Tuesday afternoon in each month.
- (b) Methodist Church Schoolroom, Eye. - The 1st Monday afternoon in each month.
- (c) Village College Glinton. - 2nd and 4th Thursday afternoons in each month.
- (d) Dr. Fuller's Surgery Newborough. - 3rd Tuesday afternoon in each month.
- (e) Helpston clinic - Suspended at the moment.

Diphtheria Immunisation

Provided by the general practitioner service under the County Council.

(B) Provided by the East Anglian Regional Hospital Board

Tuberculosis

The Chest Clinic,
1 Thorpe Road, Peterborough.

Venereal Diseases

The Memorial Hospital, Peterborough.

Male Clinics

Mondays and Wednesdays - 5.30-7 p.m.

Female Clinics.

Tuesdays - 10.30 a.m. - 12 noon.
Thursdays 5.30 - 7 p.m.

Laboratory Facilities

Public Health Laboratory
Memorial Hospital, Peterborough.

PETERBOROUGH RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Council Offices,
51, Priestgate,
Peterborough.

July, 1966.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SURVEYOR,
PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR AND
WATER ENGINEER for the year 1965.

To: The Chairman and members of the Peterborough
Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Madam and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my 1st. Annual Report in respect of the year 1965 as follows:-

NUISANCES.

26 nuisances were investigated as follows:-

Premises (disrepair)	14
Drainage	8
Offensive accumulations	3
Keeping of animals	1

FACTORIES and WORKSHOPS (See also
Appendix 1)

No. of factories with mechanical power	23
No. of factories without mechanical power	7
No. of outworkers premises	3
No. of inspections	12

REFUSE COLLECTION.

Collection of household refuse is carried out by a private contractor under the terms of a three year contract, with vehicles provided by the Council. The contract provides for 50 collections per year, and tipping is carried out by arrangement at two tips, one situated outside the rural district.

A pilot scheme using paper sacks is in operation on one council housing estate and appears to be working well. It is considered that this scheme should be extended gradually to include other small council estates in other parishes.

PETROLEUM ACTS 1928 etc.

50 current annual licences are now in force in respect of the bulk storage of petroleum mixtures at 50 premises.

14 inspections were carried out during the year.

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS.

(a) Discretionary Grants.

Applications were received in respect of 13 premises and grants were made in each case amounting in total to £2,547.

The premises were situated in the following parishes:-

Ailsworth	1
Etton	1
Helpston	6
Marholm	2
Maxey	1
Newborough	1
Northborough	1

(b) Standard Grants.

Applications were received in respect of 26 premises for the provision of the following amenities:-

Hot water supplies	21
Water closets	24
Baths	18
Wash basins	21
Foodstores	10

The premises were situated in the following parishes:-

Eye	6
Glington	2
Maxey	8
Newborough	4
Northborough	2
Peakirk	1
Sutton	3

CARAVAN SITES.

11 sites are licenced under the terms of the Caravan Sites and control of Development Act, 1960.

The three principle multiple sites are situated in Eye being licenced respectively for 6, 15, and 100 caravans. The site licence conditions have been re-viewed with a view to improving site standards, but the new standard has still to be implemented by the site operators.

RODENT CONTROL.

	No. of Inspections.	No. of Treatments.
Local Authority properties	6	2
Private dwellings	263	8
Business premises.	47	3
Agricultural premises	6	1

Most occupiers found it cheaper to carry out treatments for themselves than to request this service from the Council, which is carried out on a re-chargeable basis if request is made.

WATER SUPPLY.

Works.

No. of new domestic supplies	11
No. of new metered supplies	3
No. of new building supplies	12
No. of services repaired or re-newed	36
No. of mains repaired	13

Contract works to improve the supply situation at Eye are in progress and when completed will make adequate provision for the new development in that village.

WATER CONSUMPTION.

Bulk water consumption for the district was 137.009 million gallons equivalent to 43 gallons per head per day for all purposes. Bulk consumption shows an increase of 4.5 million gallons over last year.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

No investigations were required to be made during the year.

DISINFESTATION.

No call was made on this service during the year.

FOOD PREMISES.

No. of premises on register	31
No. of inspections	27

During the year all food premises were provided with a notice for display, requesting customers **not** to allow dogs in premises in which food is sold. Proprietors were also supplied with an explanatory leaflet setting out the provisions of the Food Hygiene Regulations.

DRAINAGE and SEWERAGE.

The sewerage schemes for the villages of Marholm, Maxey and Northborough were completed during the early part of the year. Newborough is now the only parish of appreciable size not provided with sewerage facilities, and a report from the Consulting Engineers on the sewerage of this parish has been accepted.

Trouble has been experienced at Peterborough Road, Eye pumping station largely due to the fact that the capacity of the Peterborough Corporation sewer at Newark is insufficient to cope with the combined output from the Eye pumping station, at times of heavy storm. This has necessitated adjustments to the overflow weir at the Eye station which has on occasions resulted in pollution of the ditch into which the overflow is connected. Joint meetings have been held between the two Authorities to discuss the problems involved, and the Nene and Welland River Authority are aware of the situation.

73 properties have been connected to main sewers during the year.

CESS-POOL EMPTYING.

Cess-pools and septic tanks continue to be emptied by contract which provides for two free emptyings per year where the properties are more than 100 feet from a main sewer.

305 tanks were emptied during the year, a decrease of 145 from the previous year.

NIGHT SOIL COLLECTION.

This service is provided by contract in the parishes of Newborough, Borough Fen, Maxey and Northborough. As sewers are now available in Maxey and Northborough the service will cease in these parishes in September 1966. The number of properties then receiving the service will be approximately 70.

UNFIT PROPERTY (Housing Acts)

No. of properties demolished	18
Closing orders made	3
Unfit properties still to be dealt with	94

COUNCIL HOUSING.

(a) Building.

14 new dwellings were completed during the year as follows:-

<u>Parish.</u>	<u>No. of houses.</u>	<u>No. of bungalows.</u>
Eye	4	
Newborough	-	10

30 dwellings were under construction on the Hodney Road Site at Eye at the end of the year:-

Eye	20	10
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The total number of Council dwellings 789, including 22 flatlets.

(b) Improvements.

Improvements were carried out as follows:-

Maxey	12
Northborough	12

(c) Maintenance.

No properties were scheduled for painting during the year as the 1964 painting programme had not been completed, and work on this programme is continuing this year.

(d) Tenancy Changes.

Tenancy changes have been made as follows:-

Helpston	1
Glington	3
Newborough	3
Borough Fen	1
Upton	1
Eye	5
Northborough	1
Maxey	3
Castor	1

PRIVATE HOUSING.

89 dwellings were completed during the year, distributed in the parishes as shown, and representing a small increase over 1964.

Borough Fen	1
Castor	1
Deeping Gate	2
Etton	2
Eye	1
Glington	7
Helpston	14
Maxey	13
Marholm	1
Newborough	29
Northborough	11
Peakirk	4
Sutton	3

67 properties were in course of erection at the end of the year, distributed in parishes as shewn and representing a small decrease on 1964 figures.

Ailsworth	8
Etton	1
Eye	23
Glington	1
Helpston	2
Newborough	13
Northborough	14
Peakirk	4
Sutton	1

BUILDING BYE-LAWS.

222 plans were submitted for consideration under the Council's Building Bye-laws and/or the Town and Country Planning Acts, representing 8% increase on plans deposited last year.

460 inspections were made.

STAFF.

Following discussions with this Authority and Thorney Rural District Council subsequent to the resignation of the Surveyor and Public Health Inspector in June 1965, I was appointed as Surveyor, Public Health Inspector and Water Engineer jointly to both Authorities. The Technical Assistant at Peterborough Rural District Council was also appointed jointly to both Authorities in the capacity.

The Resident Engineer (now that existing contracts are coming to and end) is to be appointed Building and Works Inspector.

These arrangements appear to be working well.

CONCLUSION.

In conclusion I wish to convey my thanks for the co-operation I have received from the members of the Council, the staff, and the workmen in all the above work.

I am,

Sir, Madam and Gentlemen,

Your Obedient Servant,

E. T. LITTLE.

Surveyor and Public Health Inspector.

APPENDIX 1.

FACTORY ACT, 1961.

	Number on Register	Inspections	Number of Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(1) Factories in which sections 1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	7	7	-	-
(11) Factories not included in (1) in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	22	9	-	-
(111) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers Premises)	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	29	16	-	-

	Number of cases in which defects were found.		Number of cases in which pro- secutions were instituted.	
	Found	Remedied	To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector Referred.
Want of Cleanliness	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding	-	-	-	-
Temperature	-	-	-	-
Inadequate Ventilation	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors.	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences				
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	-	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	-	-	-	-

PART VIII OF THE ACT - Outwork (Section 133)3.

